

**Area 11**  
**Westerville Road: Alum Creek to SR 161**



The west side of Westerville Road lies primarily within the township and is characterized by a mix of commercial uses including mini-storage and used car lots. The eastern or Columbus portion of this area is zoned residential (LR2), commercial (C4) and rural (R). A K-Mart Center is located here. Casto Park lies directly behind the K-Mart facility and extends east to Alum Creek. The area to the north is zoned residential (LR2). This residential subdivision provides parkland along the river and flood plain and access to Casto Park to the south.

*It is the recommendation of the Northland Plan that:*

- annexations to Columbus be encouraged.
- office and industrial park-type developments be encouraged on the west side of Westerville Road.
- smaller parcels be combined into larger tracts for redevelopment purposes.
- when land is annexed, seek to upgrade development quality through limited zoning and development standards.
- retention of the former railroad right-of-way to the west of Westerville Road is encouraged for use as a transit corridor. Segmentation of the right-of-way should be avoided.
- Westerville Road be improved through widening and the provision of curbs, gutters, and sidewalks, street lights and street trees; and elimination of curb cuts whenever possible.
- a wider protective buffer for Alum Creek be established through the development process.

